



Fine Arts Goals and Strategies

Goal 1

Acquaint students with the ministry of Fine Arts and the opportunity to discover, develop and deploy their ministry gifts.

Strategy: Show a past Celebration Service video (www.faf.ag.org). Have students who have been involved in Fine Arts share their experiences.

Goal 2

Help students **discover** their gifts.

Strategy: Encourage students to attempt new things. Help them find their gifts and create opportunities for them to try new categories/talents in ministry settings.

Goal 3

Help students **develop** their gifts and begin using Fine Arts to develop discipline.

Strategy: Encourage the students to hone skills in two or three Fine Arts categories in which they show a combination of both interest and ability. Implement disciplined rehearsals until the event.

Goal 4

Help students **deploy** their gifts.

Strategy: Connect students and their gifts with weekly ministry opportunities in the church or youth group. Encourage them to take the gifts in which they excel and use them in their school and community as outreach.

Organizational Calendar

August – September

- Visit www.faf.ag.org for updates, information and the new *Fine Arts Festival Rulebook*.
- Host a Fine Arts informational meeting with students and parents.
- Discuss new national youth ministries theme and how it can be incorporated into presentations.
- Begin to gather information about the district Festival.
- Place district and national deadlines on your calendar.
- Adjust Fine Arts budget based on district and national changes.
- Begin brainstorming fund-raising ideas with students and parents.



5 Months before district Festival

- Make a list of all interested students (get all contact information!).
- Begin making presentation selections (music, scripts, etc.).

4 Months before district Festival

- Finalize your list of all interested students (get all contact information!).
- Finalize presentation selections (music, scripts, etc.).
- Place group rehearsals on the calendar.
- Place fund-raising events on the calendar.
- Place informational meetings on the calendar.

3 Months before district Festival

- Connect students with area professionals, ministers and teachers.
- Begin having students present their entries in worship and youth services.

2 Months before district Festival

- Have students present their entries for outreaches in the community. Possibly combine this with a fund-raising effort.
- Finalize all paperwork and collect all student fees for the district Festival.
- Host an informational meeting for the parents with final details for the district Festival and potential national Festival participation.

1 Month before district Festival

- Host a "Night of the Arts" where area professionals, ministers and teachers evaluate students.
- Set up times for these evaluators to work one-on-one with the students.

Within 28 Days after-district Festival

- Gather all national Festival paperwork and registration fees and mail to National Fine Arts Festival, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

Between district Festival and national Festival

- Celebrate student achievements publicly.
- Have students give additional presentations during church services.
- Finalize all fund-raising activities.
- Finalize travel and housing arrangements.



- Host an informational meeting with parents and students with the above details.
- Practice, practice, practice! Ensure students get plenty of practice and performance time within the church. Make sure they are using the comments they received at districts to enhance their presentations.
- Host another “Night of the Arts” where students are evaluated again.
- Get on the bus, plane or other form of transportation. You’re on your way to the National Fine Arts Festival!

Fund-raising Ideas

- Dinner Theatre/Night of the Arts Program
- Community Outreach
- Silent Auction
- Bake Sale
- Donations
- Car Wash
- Sponsorships
- Art Auction
- Car Show
- Garage Sale
- Work Day
- Concession Stands
- Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners
- Holidays (Flowers for Valentines, Mother’s Day, etc.)
- Ice Cream Social
- Care Packages
- Receptions with local artists
- Childcare
- Offer workshops or seminars to the church and community
- Coupon Books
- Local business partnerships
- Scholarship fund